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SUBJ: UK PRESS BRIEFING AT UN ON NAMIBIA

1. UKUN PRESS SPOKESMAN DEC 17 REVIEWED BRITISH POSITION ON NAMIBIA IN CONNECTION WITH SC SESSION SAME DAY. SPOKESMAN SAID UNANIMOUS PASSAGE OF NAMIBIAN RESOLUTION ILLUSTRATES THAT WHEN SC WORKS THE WAY IT SHOULD IT CAN REGISTER REAL ACCOMPLISHMENT. HE POINTED TO EXTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS AND SPIRIT OF COMPROMISE WHICH CHARACTERIZED ACTIONS BY ALL SIDES ON NAMIBIAN ISSUE. HE SAID EARLIER POINTS RAISED IN DEBATE ABOUT STRENGTHENING UN HAVE BEEN EXEMPLIFIED BY TODAY'S ACTION, ADDING UK HOPES THIS FACT WILL BE GENERALLY APPRECIATED OUTSIDE UN.

2. IN DISCUSSING CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO SC VOTE, SPOKESMAN NOTED TWO UK SUGGESTIONS WHICH WERE ADOPTED, NAMELY DEADLINE FOR SC RECONSIDERATION IN FIVE-MONTH RATHER THAN THREE-MONTH TIME FRAME AND OMISSION OF MENTION CHAPTER VII LANGUAGE. SPOKESMAN CALLED NAMIBIAN RESOLUTION REALISTIC IN THAT IT

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TAKES INTO ACCOUNT MANY CHANGES NOW TAKING PLACE IN SOUTHERN

AFRICA AND NEED TO ASSOCIATE SC WITH THESE CHANGES IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE ORDERLY PROCESSES. HE SAID SC ACTION REALISTIC BECAUSE IT ACKNOWLEDGES WILLINGNESS OF UK GOVT TO ASSOCIATE IFSELF WITH INTERNATIONAL MOVES DESIGEND TO ENCOURAGE CHANGE IN CONTRAST TO SC DEBATE TOW MONTHS AGO CONCERNING SOUTH AFRICA.

3. SPOKESMAN REPORTED SOME COMMENTS PREVIOUSLY MADE IN SC MAY HAVE HAD EFFECT ON DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA. HE ADDED THAT AS RESULT OF NEW RESOLUTION, SC MIGHT MOVE FASTER THAN OTHER WISE TO IMPLEMENT IT. EVIDENCE ALSO EXISTS THAT LAST WEEKS'S DEBATE ON STENGTHENING UN ALSO AFFECTED CUNCIL ACTION.

4. UK SPOKESMAN ACKNOWLEDGED UKUN WAS IN TOUCH WITH SOUTH AFRICAN MISSION DURING CONSULTATION PERIOD.  
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